

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 194

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to recognize Shane Smith upon the occasion of his fifteenth pastoral anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Shane Smith is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who recently celebrated his fifteen-year anniversary as pastor of Gordonsville Church of the Nazarene; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, Pastor Smith has led the congregation with integrity and divine inspiration, carrying well the mantle of his father, who also served as pastor of Gordonsville Church of the Nazarene, and earning the respect and admiration of all who call him pastor; and

WHEREAS, born on May 9, 1974, in Carthage, Westley Shane Smith is the son of Sarah Forrest Smith and Jerry Clifton Smith; he has three older siblings, Randy Keith Smith, Connie Rena Rodriguez, and Sonja Smith Allen; and

WHEREAS, Shane Smith's family relocated to Gordonsville when he was only six months old and his father accepted the call to be pastor of Gordonsville Nazarene Church; he pastored there for ten years before being called to Smithville Nazarene Church, where he remained for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Smith accepted the call to preach the gospel in 1995; immediately prior to beginning his pastorate at Gordonsville Church of the Nazarene, he served as pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Morristown for six years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Amy, whom he met in fifth grade and knew he was destined to marry; his premonition

proved true on April 2, 1994, when they were joined in holy matrimony; their union has been blessed with three children, Matthew, Mark, and Sarah Rose; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Shane Smith has continued to demonstrate excellence in his calling as a man of God; the members of his congregation are proud to call him their pastor, leader, and friend and look forward to his continued spiritual guidance for many years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Pastor Shane Smith and join with Gordonsville Church of the Nazarene in celebrating his fifteen-year anniversary in ministry there, extending our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.